SEBASTIAN HAS TAKEN A FANCY TO YOUR SON'S BOND.

E-EXCUSE ME?
YOUR MAJESTY, I--

OF COURSE, I AM MORE THAN HAPPY TO COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE BOND,

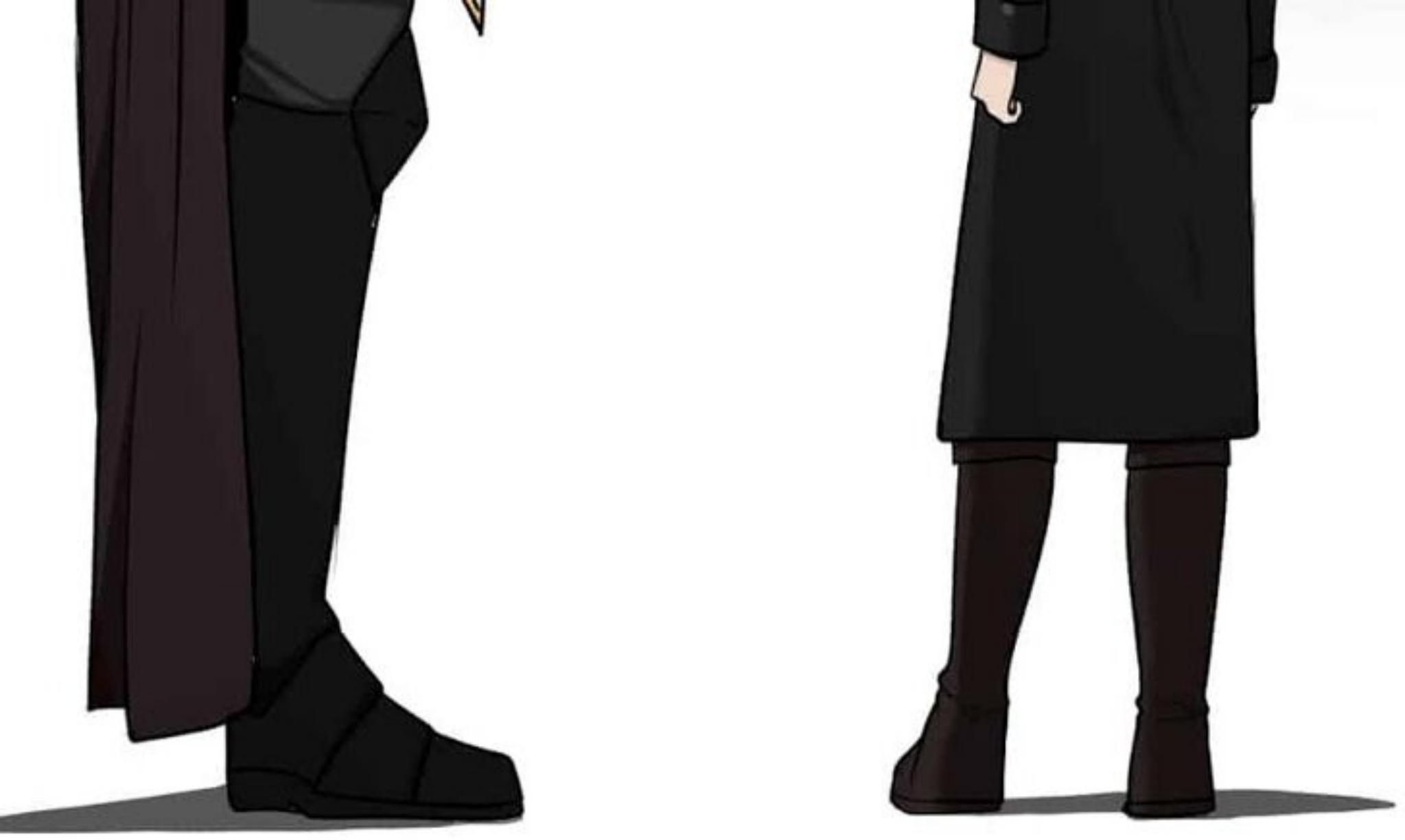
AND HIRING A MAGE TO SEVER THE CONTRACT BETWEEN YOUR SON AND THE MANA BEAST WILL BE DONE AT OUR EXPENSE.

I MUST APOLOGIZE,
YOUR MAJESTY.

NEITHER I NOR MY WIFE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY SON'S BOND.

HE ACQUIRED IT HIMSELF, SO I CANNOT SPEAK ON HIS BEHALF REGARDING THIS MATTER.

HMM...



BOY!
DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS
TEACH YOU TO LOWER YOUR GAZE
WHEN SPEAKING TO YOUR
SUPERIORS?!

HELLO, CHILD

HELLO, CHILD.
I'M SURE YOU'VE JUST HEARD
MY CONVERSATION WITH YOUR FATHER,
SO I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF.

HOW ABOUT IT?
MY ROYAL ARMORY WOULD
CERTAINLY HAVE A SWORD
BEFITTING ANY ASPIRING
YOUNG KNIGHT.

KEEP CALM, ARTHUR.

HE'S STILL THE KING OF SAPIN.

THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY, FOR YOUR GRACIOUS OFFER, BUT I MUST REFUSE.

EVEN THE MOST MAGNIFICENT SWORD COULD NEVER REPLACE SYLVIE.

DARE

SEBASTIAN!

THEN A TRADE!
MY WORLD LION CUB
THAT I'VE JUST PURCHASED
FOR YOUR BOND.

FATHER!
I THOUGHT
THE MANA BEAST
WAS MINE!?

SO, HOW ABOUT IT?
WHILE YOUR BEAST DOES
INDEED SEEM UNIQUE, REPTILIAN BEASTS
RARELY GROW TO BE AS STRONG
AS TRUE PREDATORY
MANA BEASTS.

MY APOLOGIES,
YOUR MAJESTY, FOR
FAILING TO MAKE MYSELF
CLEAR...

I DO NOT
WISH TO GIVE,
SELL, OR TRADE
MY BOND.

I HAVE ASKED YOU TWICE, CHILD, FOR A FAVOR. TWICE.
MY PATIENCE RUNS THIN.

I WILL ASK YOU KINDLY
ONE LAST TIME...

WILL YOU GIVE
ME YOUR BOND?

THEN, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ASK YOUR MAJESTY A QUESTION AS WELL.

HOW MUCH WOULD
YOU BE WILLING TO SELL YOUR
CHILDREN FOR?

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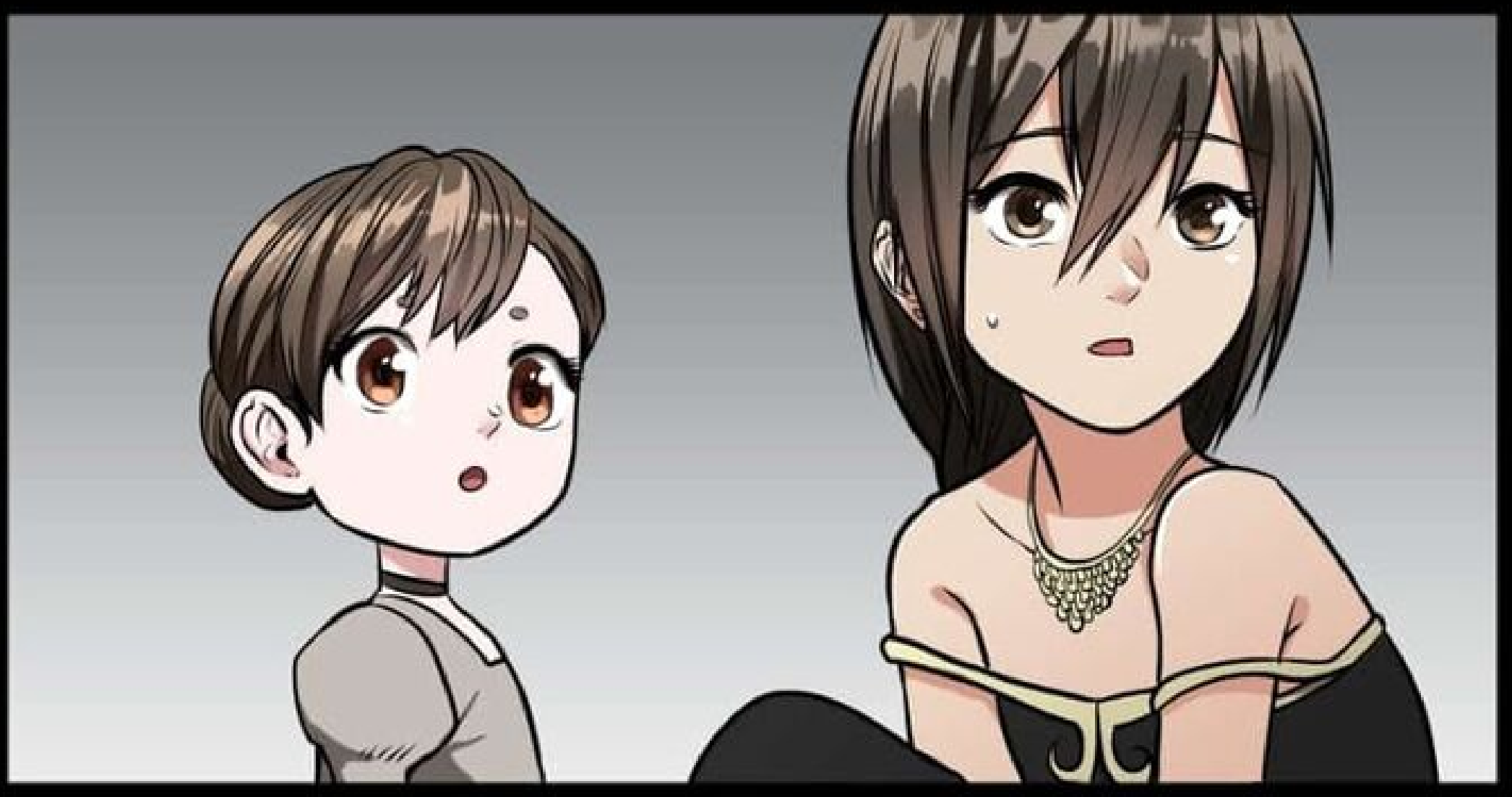
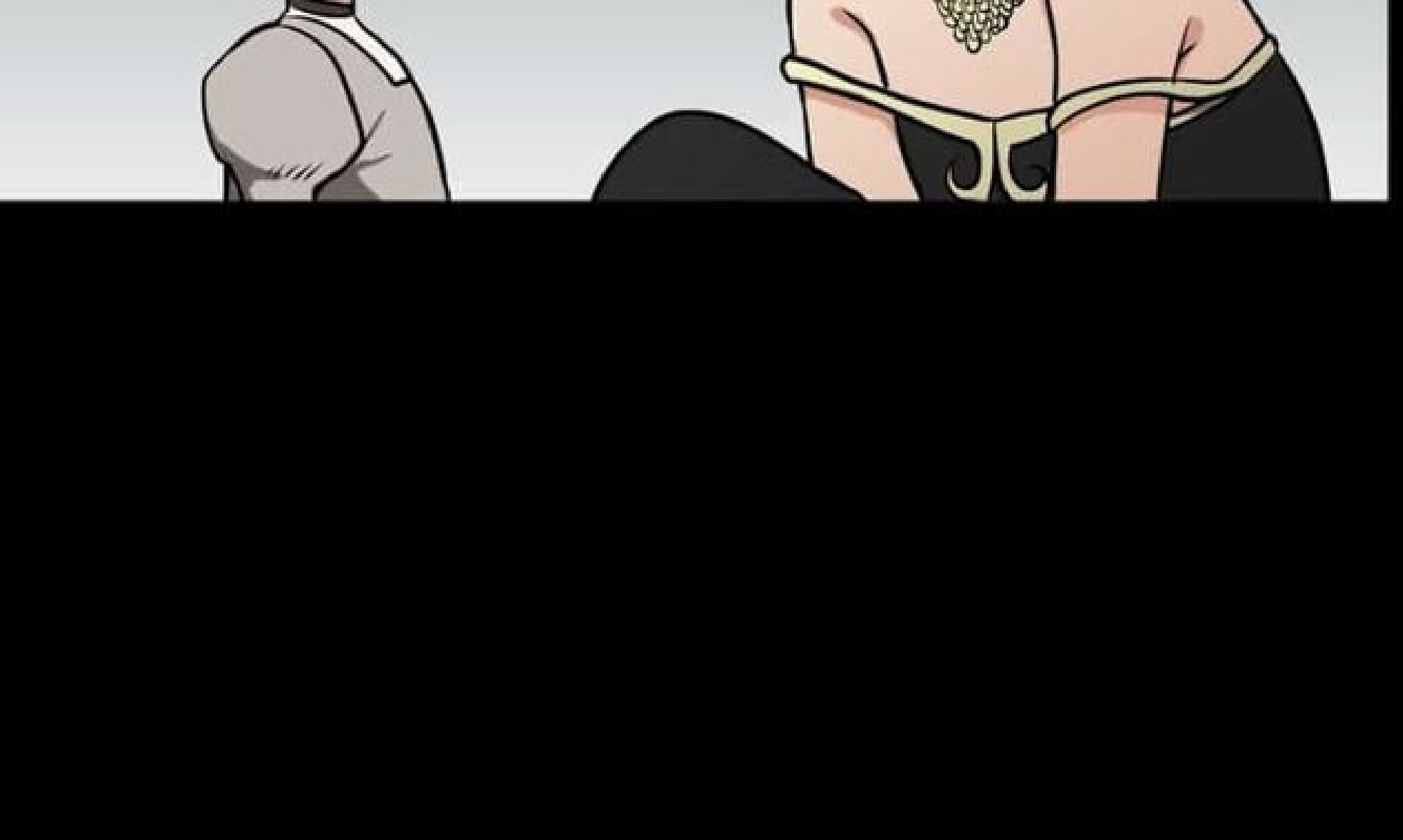
YOU HAVE ASKED ME THRICE
AND I'VE REJECTED ALL THREE TIMES,
YET IT SEEMS YOUR PRIDE WON'T ALLOW YOU
TO ACCEPT MY REFUSAL.

YOU DON'T SEEM
TO BE AWARE OF THE GRAVITY
OF WHAT YOU ARE ASKING ME,
SO I HOPE MY QUESTION WILL
MAKE IT CLEAR.

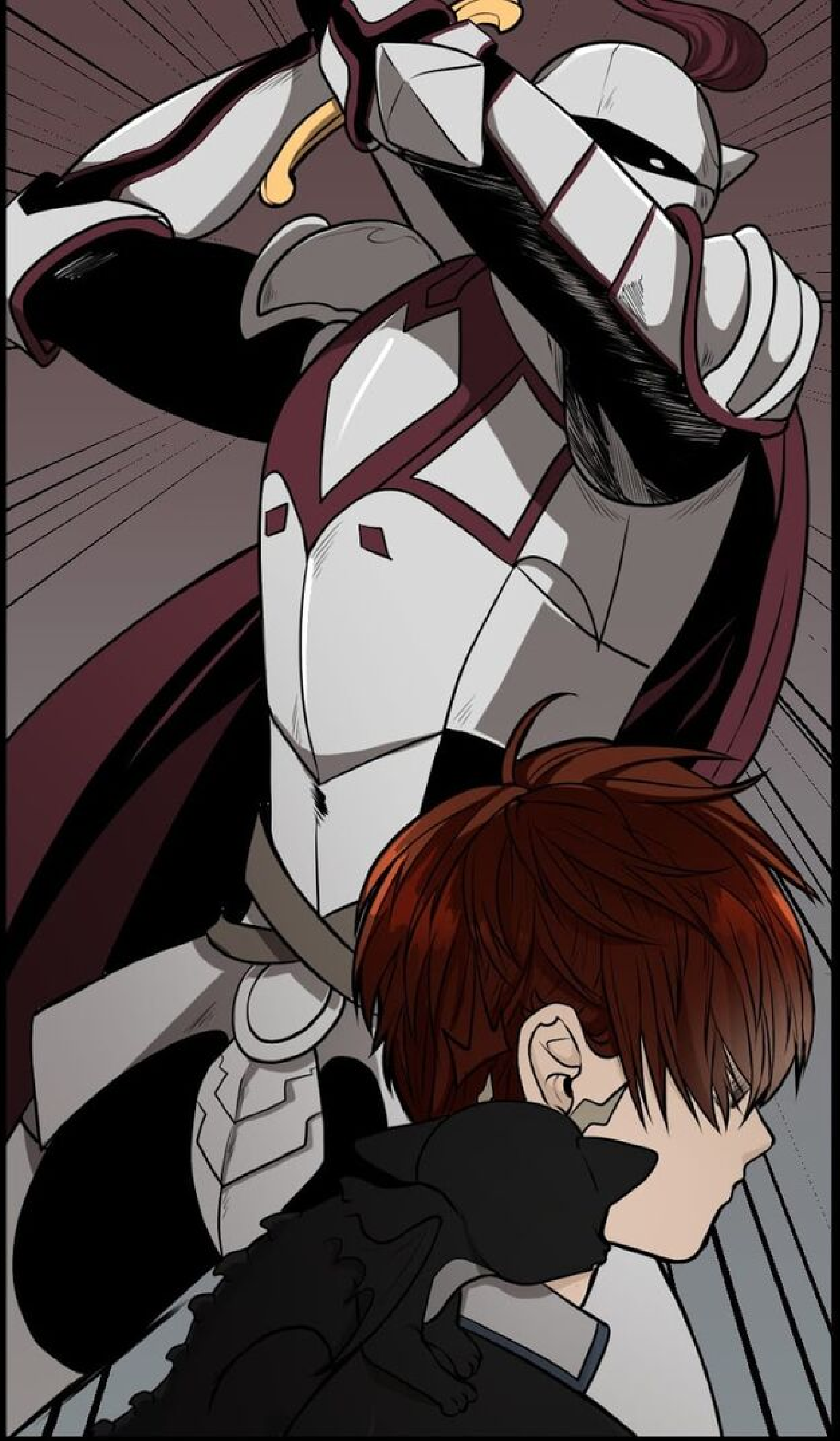
HOW MUCH
MONEY WOULD YOU
REQUIRE IN EXCHANGE
FOR YOUR SON
OR DAUGHTER,
KING GLAYDER?





INSOLENT PEASANT!

YOU DARE INSULT THE KING AND HIS FAMILY?!



HE'S CONCENTRATING ALL OF HIS MANA INTO HIS SWORD?

DOES HE INTEND TO CUT ME IN HALF?

TCH

KEEP THE FLOW
OF MANA CALM
AND EVEN.

ANTICIPATE THE ENEMY'S
MOVEMENT AND TAKE CONTROL OF
THE PATH OF HIS STRIKE.

DISRUPT THE ENEMY'S BALANCE AND...

SWSH

FWSH

EXPLODE, USING BOTH YOUR POWER AND THE ENEMY'S OWN MOMENTUM AGAINST HIM.

EXPLOSION

THAT FOOL!
HE WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO KILL A CHILD?!

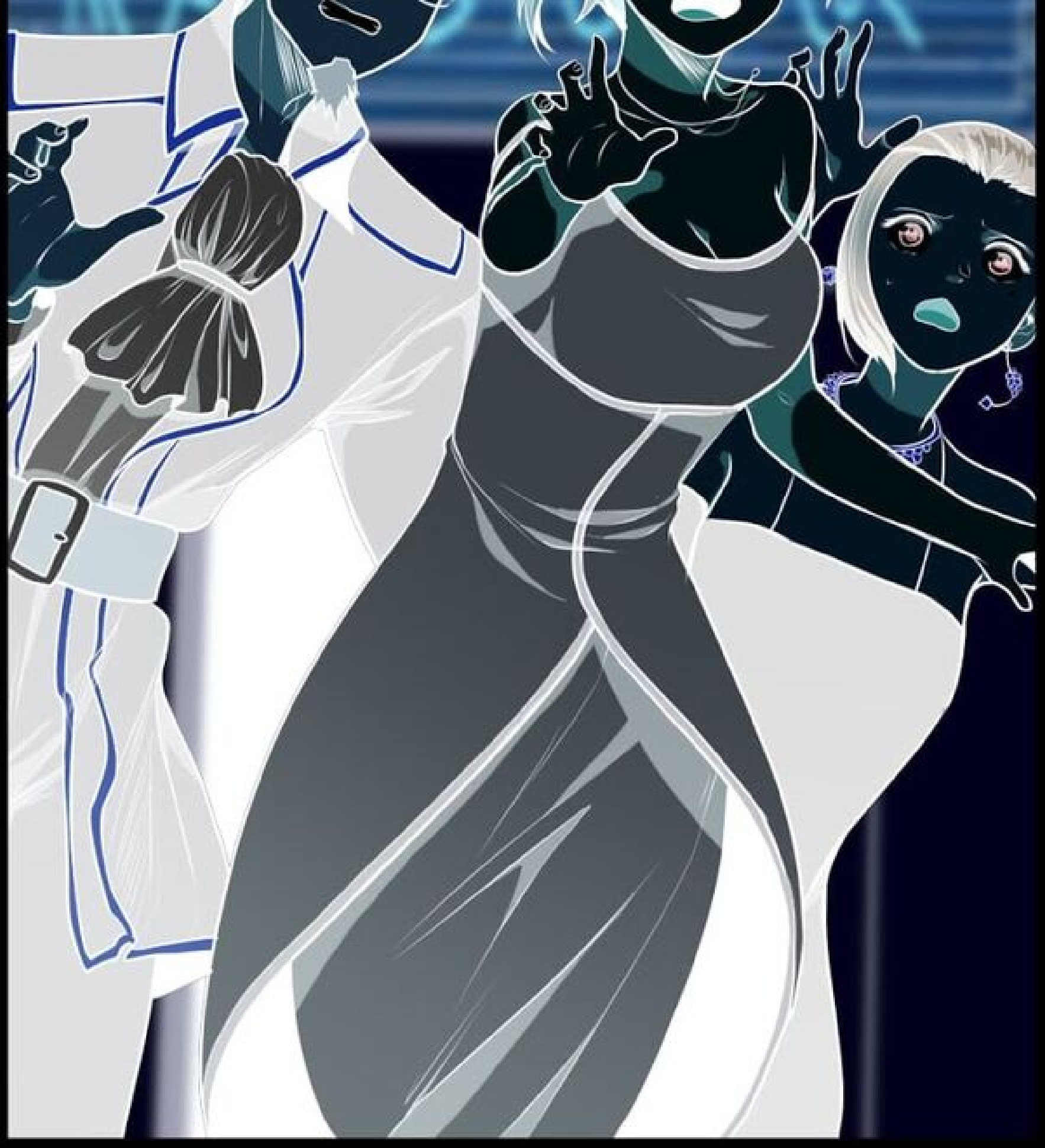
HE WASTED THE PERFECT CHANCE!

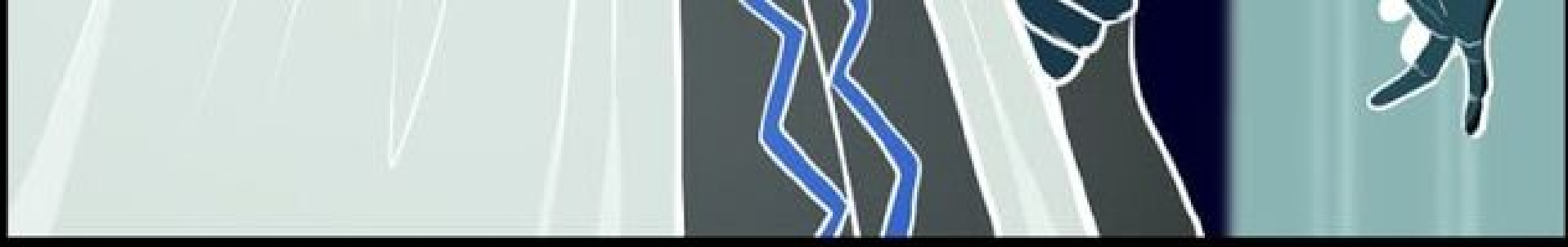
EVEN IF I'M PUNISHED,

I'LL TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.

WHAT THE KING DOESN'T REALIZE IS THAT A BOND CAPABLE OF FORMING AN EQUALS CONTRACT AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE MEANS IT'LL EVENTUALLY GROW BEYOND A-CLASS!

I MUST HAVE IT!

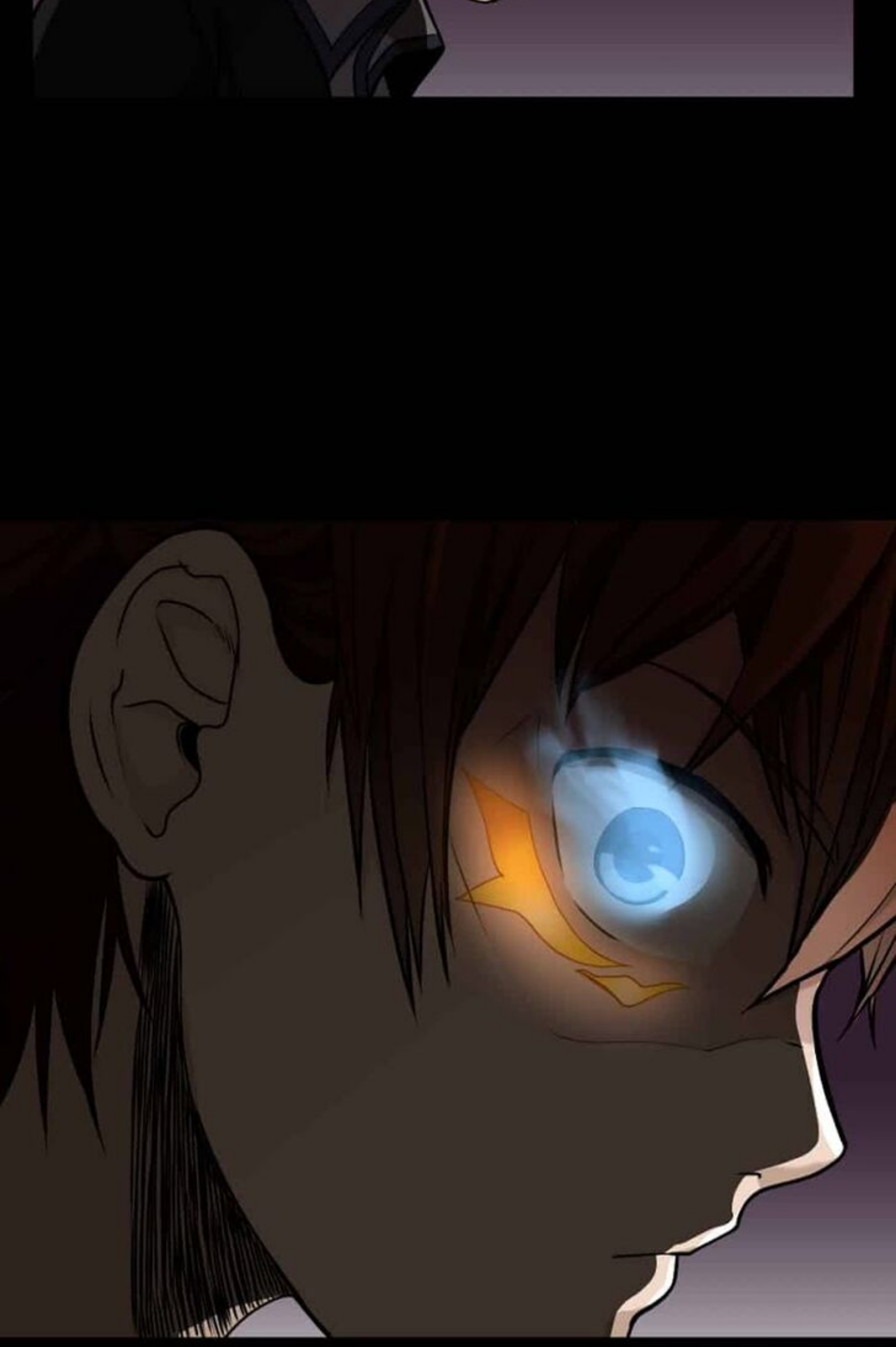




W-WHAT?

IT'S
NO USE...

SPELLS THAT NEED AMBIENT MANA TO FUEL THEM WON'T WORK.



STAY BACK!
YOU THINK YOU'RE A MATCH FOR A CONJURER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY?!

IN THIS STATE?
YES.

WHAT?!

THUDD

M...
MY LEG!
AAAAGGGHH!

SOMEONE,
HELP ME!

WHY IS EVERYONE
JUST STANDING
THERE?!

CAN'T ANYONE HEAR ME?!

NO ONE IS GOING
TO HEAR YOU, SO IT'S
BEST THAT YOU LISTEN WHILE
YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO.

Y-YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
I'M THE PERSONAL CONJURER
OF THE KING HIMSELF!

EXACTLY.

KNOW

YOUR

PLACE.

**KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS ON INSTAGRAM!**

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